IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BRAXTON COOPER, :

Petitioner, : CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-764

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WARDEN ECKARD, et al.,

v.

:

Respondents.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 29th day of February, 2016, after considering the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 filed by the *pro se* petitioner, Braxton Cooper (Doc. No. 1); and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum opinion, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. The application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. No. 1) is **GRANTED** for the limited purpose of satisfying the filing fee requirement;
- 2. The petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. No. 1) is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction;
 - 3. There is no cause for issuance of a certificate of appealability; and
 - 4. The clerk of court shall mark this matter as **CLOSED**.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Edward G. Smith EDWARD G. SMITH, J.